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*“Ye Latter-day Saints, purge yourselves from iniquity and speak the truth, act honestly, be pure and virtuous, and honour God and your calling, and God will honour you, but if you do not, you will be speedily rooted out.”—JOHN TAYLOR.*

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HOW THE GOSPEL MOULDED A LIFE

ELDER WILLIAM D. CALLISTER

THE arrival of Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis in England on June 2nd, is the return of two faithful Latter-day Saints, who were converted in their youth to the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, to the land which gave them birth. The interesting lives of these two missionaries, who have come here to help strengthen the Church, have been full of energetic activity and self-sacrifice for others.

Brother Wallis was born in London on April 13th, 1861, the son of James Wallis and Jane Sarah Booth. His father was a government employee, stationed in the historic Tower of London, in the shadows of which Brother Wallis as a lad spent many happy hours. The boy's elementary schooling ended when he was but nine years of age, and he then commenced working for a living. Four years later, at Chester, where his father had taken his family due to a governmental assignment to the Chester Castle, Brother Wallis began his apprenticeship to the printing trade, and has been engaged in the publishing of newspapers almost continuously since October, 1881, both in Utah and Idaho, after he emigrated to America.

A great change came into the life of Brother Wallis while he was still in his teens. On May 20th, 1877, two men, Elders William Ashworth, of Beaver, Utah, and Louis Howells, of Wellsville, Utah, came to his father's door, preaching what they claimed to be the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ, which they said had been taken from the earth due to many years of rank apostasy. They were invited in, and around the fireside the Scriptures were discussed, and the story of a young man named Joseph Smith,

who claimed to have received divine revelation, was told to the father and his family. The lad was impressed. He listened attentively to every word that fell from their lips. Could these men be right? They reasoned from the Scriptures, and the message they bore was convincing. They testified that it was true, saying they had the witness of the Holy Spirit. Doubt soon fled from his mind, and that very evening he was baptized for the remission of sins, and received the Holy Ghost through the laying on of the hands of these brethren who held the authority of God.

Sometimes, such quick conversions to a cause are only temporary. Not so with Brother Wallis—his heart and soul were convinced, and with eager enthusiasm, he entered into the new field which had brought him light and truth.

#### EARLY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Soon after his baptism, in May, 1877, he was called to go to European Mission headquarters, at 42 Islington, Liverpool, to assist in the mechanical department of the *Millennial Star*. He accepted the call, and while labouring there, had the good fortune to become associated with Apostle Orson Pratt, who had been sent by the General Authorities of the Church to publish the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants, with footnotes and shorter chapters and paragraphs, which Orson Pratt had prepared. Elder Pratt personally supervised the printing of other publications during his stay in England, including *Spencer's Letters*, *Voice of Warning*, and *Key to the Universe*, the latter being a series of mathematical calculations prepared by himself. It was also here that he met William Budge, then President of the European Mission, under whom he laboured throughout his entire mission, and the association formed there with President Budge continued in a more intimate form, Brother Wallis always enjoying the love and confidence of this good and great man.

It was while Brother Wallis was working at 42 Islington that he first met the young lady who later became his wife. Sister Elizabeth Todd, at this time a young girl, the daughter of Robert H. and Charlotte Cutts Todd, born also in London, had there heard the Gospel with her mother and other members of the family, and had become converted and had joined the Church. She had been sent for by President Budge to come to Liverpool to work in headquarters as a house-maid. In the evenings, when the printing shop was closed, the dinner dishes cleared away and the kitchen cleaned, an inevitable romance developed, which has not faded throughout more than fifty years.

The faith and sincerity of Brother Wallis were recognized soon after he arrived in Liverpool, and he was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood, under the hands of Elder Charles W. Nibley, now in the First Presidency of the Church, who was then in charge of the business department of the European Mission.

He was subsequently ordained a Teacher, then a Priest. While in Liverpool, Brother Wallis was called to preside over the first Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association established in foreign lands, which was organized in Liverpool in 1879. He also presided over the Birkenhead Branch, and later the Garston Branch, Liverpool District.

Not long after he was ordained a Priest, Brother Wallis was ordained an Elder by President Budge, and sent the same day to the Manchester Conference of the British Mission to labour as a



PATRIARCH AND SISTER JAMES H. WALLIS

missionary under the presidency of Bishop Thomas X. Smith, of Logan, Utah.

After fulfilling an honourable mission and doing much good in spreading the message of the Restoration and bearing his testimony, Brother Wallis was released, and on April 16th, 1881, emigrated to America on the ship *Wyoming*, upon which Sister Todd, his betrothed, was also emigrating. On June 9th, 1881, less than two months after they arrived in Salt Lake City, they were married by President Daniel H. Wells in the Endowment House, which was then used for solemnizing temple marriages until the Salt Lake Temple was completed.

Continuing in the printing business in Salt Lake, Brother Wallis was first employed on the staff of the *Juvenile Instructor*, the official organ of the Sunday Schools of the Church, and later, on the *Logan Leader*, owned at the time by B. F. Cummings. In the fall of 1881, Brother Budge encouraged and advised the young couple to move northward, to Paris, Idaho, where a few pioneering families were building up that part of the western country. They accepted the advice, and after some pioneer experiences in that country, became established in a home of their own. While there, Brother Wallis published the *Bear Lake Democrat*. Since that time, he has owned and published a number of newspapers throughout Idaho and Utah, always fearlessly defending the Church, and exerting the influence of his papers for justice and law enforcement. At the time of his last call to the mission field, he was publishing the *Vernal Express*.

#### PUBLIC LIFE

Brother Wallis is well known throughout the Rocky Mountain country as the oldest newspaper publisher in that section of the United States. The newspaper publishers of Idaho, recognizing his reliability and long experience, elected him President of the Idaho State Press Association for two terms. He later served as President of the Utah State Press Association for three successive terms. He has also been honoured in many ways in state and nation, having held many elective and appointive offices. When but twenty-five years of age, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Juab County, at Nephi, Utah, and was later elected City Attorney of Rexburg, Idaho, for three successive terms, and was United States Commissioner for twelve years.

While living in the State of Idaho, Brother Wallis was associated with four sessions of the State Legislature. At the completion of his last term of office, he was presented with a beautiful gold watch by the members of the Legislature and a heavy gold fob and locket by the attaches of the House of Representatives, in acknowledgment of their esteem for him, which he is wearing on his mission and prizes very highly.

A quarter of a century of Brother Wallis's life has been devoted to public health work. He was State Sanitary Commissioner in Idaho under three successive governors, and later was connected with the Utah State Board of Health, and the Utah Public Health Association. While labouring in these official capacities, he made a thorough, intelligent study of the causes and prevention of disease, and energetically sought out and enforced methods which raised to a higher standard the health of the communities he served.

When Brother Wallis was serving as Prosecuting Attorney of Juab County, a desire grew within him to follow the profession of law. But at this particular time, circumstances would not

permit his study of it. However, Brother Wallis is full of determination, so he and Sister Wallis set about to alter circumstances. Ten years later, he enrolled in the University of Nebraska, worked his entire way through school by waiting on tables in a restaurant, and thus realized his ambition, in addition to which he filled a second mission while in Nebraska, under call of President Wilford Woodruff. Upon the lapse of another decade, he had the opportunity of taking post graduate work at the Grant University of Tennessee, where he obtained his LL.B. degree.

Brother and Sister Wallis's first child was born a year after they were married, while they resided at Paris, Idaho. Since then, they have been blessed with fourteen more children, of whom nine are girls and six are boys, eleven now living and married, and raising families of their own. On the birth of their fifteenth child, United States President Theodore Roosevelt wrote a splendid personal letter to Brother and Sister Wallis, congratulating them on their large family, and stating in part: "You are the kind of American citizens I thoroughly believe in, and for whom I feel the highest regard."

All of their children have been given good educations, and are doing well in the business world as well as being active in the Church. Three of them have followed the business of their father, and are publishing newspapers which they, themselves, own. Four of their sons have served as missionaries in the Southern States Mission.

#### A SEVERE TRIAL

At one time, their oldest son, James B., now holding a responsible business position in Washington D.C., was in a hospital for several months, near death; during this time, two others were called—within five months of each other—to serve in the mission field, and three weeks after the last one left, they were called upon to part with a fourth son seventeen years old, who died from heart trouble. Their sorrow was almost more than they felt they could bear, but through their faith, their oldest son completely recovered from his illness, and they knew their two missionary sons would be taken care of by the Lord. Having an understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they were comforted by their knowledge that the family group would again be reunited in the hereafter.

When their last missionary son was released and returned to his home, President Ben E. Rich, of the Southern States Mission, also sent a special, honourable release to Sister Wallis, in acknowledgment of the many sacrifices she had undergone to send her husband and her boys out in the service of the Lord.

Brother Wallis's service in the Church, which commenced before his twentieth year while still in his native country, has continued throughout his life. In the late nineties of the last cen-

ture, he returned to England on his second mission among his own people, gathering genealogy.

A few years after he returned from this mission, he was again called in 1905, and served this time in the Southern States Mission as editor of the *Elders' Journal*, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, now known as *Liahona, The Elders' Journal*, published at Independence, Missouri. Through the untiring efforts of Brother Wallis, the circulation of this mission periodical was increased several-fold, serving as a messenger of salvation to hundreds of more homes than ever it had before. His writings and poems while on this mission, like those of his published in the *Millennial Star* earlier, were high in standard and inspiring to those who read them.

When the Boise Stake of Zion was organized in 1913, Brother Wallis was selected a High Councilor, and also Stake President of the Y. M. M. I. A., being ordained a High Priest at the time and set apart for these offices by Apostle Francis M. Lyman.

Brother Wallis, one of the pioneers in genealogy work, was called in 1915 to preside over the Forest Dale Ward Genealogical Society, in the Granite Stake. Associated with him at that time were many of the now well known genealogical workers of the Church. Three years later, he was appointed to preside over the genealogical work of the Uintah Stake.

When Brother Wallis was called and ordained Patriarch to the British Mission, at the close of the last General Conference of the Church, he was the Bishop of Vernal First Ward, Uintah Stake of Zion, in which position he had served since August, 1927. While labouring in this capacity, a beautiful chapel was erected under his direction, costing £8,000. The contributions raised from the Ward membership and a munificent donation from the First Presidency, enabled the debt to be paid in the record time of less than six months, with a surplus fund in the bank.

#### A FAITHFUL COUPLE

Brother Wallis was truly a father to the members of his Ward. He took great interest especially in the young men, and through his confiding, fatherly way, brought many of them into active Church service. Sister Wallis, as President of the Relief Society, became greatly endeared to the widows, poor and sick of the Ward, so that when they left, it was indeed a sad parting. To respond to this latest call, they sold their home and furniture, counting it as a gain for the cause of Christ.

Brother Wallis, although in his seventy-first year, is as active and youthful as most men twenty years his junior, due to a great extent to his optimistic outlook on life and his jovial and happy disposition. The light and understanding of life which the Gospel brought to him are greatly responsible for his accomplishments and present station in life. His determined will—exercised

in righteousness—does not over-balance his good judgment, to make him a bigot, but rather the two go hand in hand to make him consistent and level-headed. He is practical, yet sympathetic, unselfish, and spiritually minded. One's confidence in Brother Wallis quickly becomes firmly fixed upon meeting him, and grows with continued association, never weakening. His way with young men, particularly, is the same as that of father with son. He is truly fitted, as a servant of God, to pronounce patriarchal blessings upon the heads of those who ask in faith.

Sister Wallis has a fineness about her that typifies true, Latter-day Saint motherhood. The influence she has exerted in the home is plainly shown by the large, fine Latter-day Saint family she has borne and reared; they reflect her character. She is a faithful Latter-day Saint, full of loving-kindness, patience and unselfishness. She has always co-operated and worked with her husband in his Church and public activities—a true companion and help-meet.

It was quite appropriate that Brother and Sister Wallis spent their golden wedding anniversary, on June 9th of this year, in the same town and under the same influence—the European Mission Office in Liverpool, engaged in Church work—as that in which they first met over a half century ago.

### BRITISH DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

A HIGHLY successful conference of the District Presidents of the British Mission was held in the Handsworth Chapel, Birmingham, July 10th to 13th. The first session convened at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10th, five more sessions being held on Saturday and Monday.

Those in attendance at the conference were as follows: Mission President A. William Lund; Sister Josephine B. Lund, President of the British Mission Relief Societies; Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis, of the European Mission; Elder Rulon T. Jeffs, British Mission Treasurer; Elder William Kenneth Lund, British Mission Sunday School Supervisor; Elder G. Dwight Wakefield, British Mission M. I. A. Supervisor; Sisters Gwendolyn and Ruth Lund, and George Lund; and the following Presidents of the sixteen Districts of the British Mission: Elder Orrin W. Astle, Birmingham; Elder Glenn N. Hart, Bristol; Elder Benjamin R. Birchall, Free State; Elder Karl C. Durham, Hull; Elder Stephen S. Moore, Leeds; Elder Gordon B. Taylor, Liverpool; Elder Owen M. Wilson, London; Elder Junius E. Driggs, Manchester; Elder Leo E. Bevan, Newcastle; Elder Irving T. Duffin, Norwich; Elder Albert W. Horman, Nottingham; Elder Steven D. Howells, Portsmouth; Elder Lyndon J. Hall, Scottish; Elder James C. Rawlinson, Sheffield; Elder Merrill H. Glenn, Ulster; Elder Clarence H. Taylor, Welsh.

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EDITORIAL

PATRIARCHAL BLESSINGS

MEMBERS of the Church of Christ, if faithful, are heirs to the blessings promised the chosen people of God. These blessings may be confirmed upon the heads of the people by men ordained to the patriarchal office and power.

A patriarchal blessing is as it were a father's blessing, reminding the recipient of the gifts to which the people of the Lord are entitled, often pointing out special blessings held in store for him, and warning him of the snares and pitfalls which may keep him from the realization of the promised blessings. It increases a person's faith.

A copy of such a blessing, re-read, becomes a source of comfort and courage in meeting life's labours and difficulties. It sets an ideal for life's struggles. It is as it were another covenant between man and God.

A person must be worthy, through an exemplary life and obedience to Gospel requirements, to receive a patriarchal blessing. He must, likewise, continue faithful and increase in good works, if the blessings pronounced upon his head shall be fulfilled. Every blessing in the Church is conditioned upon the faithfulness of the recipient. The sinner should not wonder why the promised blessings are not received.

Patriarchs are not fortune tellers. A Patriarch, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, points out some of the blessings, among the many promised the children of Abraham, that may be attained through a righteous life. The fortune teller merely predicts coming events, and usually deceives. The one, with the authority of the Priesthood, connects all blessings with the eternal plan of salvation; the other, foretells by some unknown power, the future, with no reference to the divine plan. One is of God; the other of evil. To go to a Patriarch as to a fortune teller is to commit sin.

A patriarchal blessing is personal and individual. It is directed to the person who receives it. It should be kept sacred, and not published abroad. It should be a gift too precious for every eye to gaze upon. If another desires to know what a patriarchal blessing is like, let him prepare himself to receive one.

All who receive the Gospel and obey its ordinances, of whatever blood, become by adoption, children of Abraham, of the lineage of Ephraim, heirs to the promised blessings. They shall be



blessed "unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills," and in them "shall all families of the earth be blessed." The patriarchal office has the power of such genealogical confirmation.

Latter-day Saints who may seek patriarchal blessings should prayerfully remember to fit themselves for the gift, and keep themselves clean thereafter. If this be not done, the promised blessings are void and of no effect. "The Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; *walk before me, and be thou perfect*. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly." This is the message through all the ages to all who seek the favours of the Lord.—W.

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### PATRIARCH JAMES H. WALLIS

ELDER JAMES H. WALLIS, recently Bishop of Vernal First Ward, Uintah Stake of Zion, has been ordained a Patriarch under the hands of the First Presidency, and has been set apart to labour in the European Mission Office, and to give patriarchal blessings to the members of the Church in the British Mission.

Patriarch Wallis will be in charge of one of the important activities of the European Mission Office, but will also devote himself to blessing the Saints under the authority of the patriarchal office.

We congratulate the British Saints upon the opportunity thus granted them by President Grant and his counselors.

Patriarch Wallis, of English birth, has served the latter-day cause of the Lord, with self-sacrifice and devotion, for more than half a century. We welcome him to British shores, and bespeak for him everywhere the hospitality of the Latter-day Saints.

Information concerning Patriarch Wallis' visits to the various Branches will be published later.—W.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

THE *Millennial Star* extends its felicitations to President and Sister Arthur Gaeth, of the Czecho-Slovak Mission, on their marriage March 23rd, 1931, in the Salt Lake Temple. The happy couple have returned to Czechoslovakia to take up their labours in presiding over missionary work in that country. They have our every good wish for their future happiness.

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TRUTH is a thing immortal and perpetual, and it gives to us a beauty that fades not away in time, nor does it take away the freedom of speech which proceeds from justice; but it gives to us the knowledge of what is just and lawful, separating them from the unjust and refuting them.—EPICTETUS.

## FALL CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

THE 1931 Fall Conferences of the Districts in the British Mission will be held on the following dates :

Norwich ... ..	Sunday, September 6, 1931
Portsmouth ... ..	„ „ 13, „
Welsh ... ..	„ „ 20, „
Sheffield .. ...	„ „ 27, „
Free State and Ulster ...	„ October 4, „
Nottingham ... ..	„ „ 11, „
Hull ... ..	„ „ 18, „
Liverpool... ..	„ „ 25, „
Manchester ... ..	„ November 1, „
Birmingham ... ..	„ „ 8, „
Leeds ... ..	„ „ 15, „
Scottish ... ..	„ „ 22, „
London ... ..	„ „ 29, „
Bristol ... ..	„ December 6, „
Newcastle ... ..	„ „ 13, „

District Presidents are requested to make early arrangements for the meetings; to notify all members of their respective Districts, and see that proper publicity of the meetings is given.

Every District President is to prepare a written report showing the work done, changes in the missionary corps, new fields opened, branch organizations, percentage of increase or decrease in tithes and offerings—in short, a comprehensive history of his District. This report is to be in form suitable for reading to the congregation, and a copy is to be in readiness for the Mission President or his representative at the Conference.

Provision should be made, wherever possible, for three Sunday meetings—morning, afternoon and evening. The Sacrament should be administered at the morning meeting only.

One session of the Conference will be devoted to Priesthood and Auxiliary instruction.

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The following traveling missionaries were also present: Elders O. Horton Traustrum, Birmingham; David L. Rowley, Jr., Bristol; Thomas A. Lambert, Hull; Martin R. Braithwaite and LaDell M. Larson, London; Cleon H. Kerr and John W. Taylor, Norwich; A. Ray Curtis and Perry L. Watkins, Nottingham; Rock M. Kirkham and Milton S. Musser, Portsmouth; and Elman T. Woodfield, Welsh.

In the opening session, President Lund voiced the motto of the conference, "Turn to the Right and Keep on Going." In this

and the two sessions on Saturday, the important matters discussed were the financial problems of the branches and districts, the need of the practice of strict economy, the building up of the branches temporally as well as spiritually, the necessity of the members of the Church sacrificing more in furthering its progress in the British Isles, plans for having exhibits to illustrate to the people the temporal and spiritual teachings of the restored Gospel, keeping in touch with the scattered members of the Church, and the importance of keeping accurate records. Plans for a change in the management of the branch finances through the Mission Office were also presented and discussed.

A highly inspirational testimony meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. A rich outpouring of the Spirit of God, the recounting of experiences giving evidence of the Lord's guidance of this great work, and the sweet, fervent, soulful testimonies that were borne, built up immeasurably the faith of all present.

A special Sacrament meeting, to which all members of the Birmingham District were invited, was held Sunday evening in the Handsworth Chapel. There was a large attendance of Saints and friends, who were thrilled with the splendid spirit that was prevalent, and greatly edified by the splendid discourses of Patriarch Wallis and President Birchall. Brother Wallis spoke of the sacrifices made by members of the Church in preaching the Gospel, and of his conversion to the Gospel in Chester, England, which was the result of the sacrifices of others. President Birchall spoke of his conversion to the Gospel of Christ, and of his faith-building experiences since his conversion. Another feature of the day was a spirited street meeting on the famous Bull Ring, where some of the visiting brethren expounded the principles of the Gospel, and where much good was undoubtedly accomplished.

In the first session on Monday, President Lund and Patriarch Wallis presented in a forceful manner the matter of giving patriarchal blessings to the Saints in the British Mission. The keynote of this discussion was the fact that the Saints must make themselves worthy of this great privilege which will be theirs, by living the Gospel. All great blessings are predicated on faithfulness, and this is not the least. In the remaining time of this meeting and during the afternoon session, the matters taken up were the outlining of the program of the Fall Conferences, the need of increased interest and activity in genealogical research and study, a greater support of the Mission publications, the absolute need of keeping up the membership records, the direction of the activities of the Elders, and their duty to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel message, particularly through tracting.

The concluding session will remain an outstanding event in the experiences of all who were present. After a profitable dis-

cussion on the proper administration of Gospel ordinances, Sister Lund presented plans and suggestions of the Relief Society, Bee-Hive and Primary organizations of the Mission. Sister Wallis also expressed her love for the women's work and her desire to work with the women of the British Mission.

In President Lund's concluding remarks, the Spirit of God rested upon him in great power as he made a stirring appeal for obedience and an awakening to a fuller sense of our responsibility in the missionary calling and in living the Gospel. He pointed out very forcibly the privileges, gifts and powers of the Holy Priesthood and the duty of magnifying and honouring it; and he appealed for the maintenance of the highest ideals of purity and chastity. Every person left the meeting determined and resolute in his desire to put forth his every energy in the great work ahead—to spread righteousness and build up the Kingdom of God in the British Isles, to honour His calling and glorify our Father in Heaven.

At noon on Saturday and Monday, Sister Lund, assisted by her daughters Gwendolyn and Ruth, prepared a delicious luncheon which all appreciated very greatly. These luncheons and the impromptu program that accompanied them lent interest and zest to the success and enjoyment of the conference.

ELDER RULON T. JEFFS, Treasurer, British Mission.

## FIRST STREET MEETING IN NORWAY

ELDER GOLDEN DEAN CARLSTON

WHILE Elder Arthur J. Larsen and I were on our way to tract in Trondhjem, Norway, on Thursday, May 7th, I gave way to an idea that I had had for some time, and asked Brother Larsen if he would go with me to the police and request permission to hold a street meeting, which had never before been granted. He was delighted with the proposal.

We called at the alien's office at the police station and expressed our desire. The police authorities treated us with great respect. We were courteously presented to the Chief of Police who, after asking us a few questions, granted us permission. We were designated a place on the market square, and the meeting time was set for 8 p.m., Saturday evening.

As the set time on Saturday evening approached, Brother Larsen and I began to feel weak, which feeling grew on us. We prayed for strength and guidance. We spent part of the afternoon practicing the song we had decided to sing.

We looked about for a stool upon which we could stand while addressing our expected audience, and could only find an old chair which had no back. After considerable thinking, we took it apart,

and wrapped the pieces in our coats. After offering the humblest prayer we ever uttered, we started for the market square, dressed in our best clothing, as we desired to make a good impression upon our hearers.

No one noticed the chair-parts in our coats. The evening was most beautiful. As we walked out to the large market square, the finest section of the city of Trondhjem, we indeed felt humble and weak, but were thrilled because of our testimony of the Gospel and our opportunity to preach it. We had been told to stand directly in front of the police building, facing the Fenix Hotel, the best hotel in the city; a block behind us stood the famous Domkirke.

No announcement of our meeting had been given out, and people paid no attention to us until we took the pieces of chair from our coats—I had the seat and Brother Larsen the legs—and began putting them together. After fixing the chair, we began to sing, and a few people stopped to see what we were about. The Spirit of the Lord was certainly with us as we continued our singing—upon which we were afterwards complimented by our hearers—and by the time we finished the song, about two hundred intelligent and eager people surrounded us.

Elder Larsen opened with prayer. I took "Repentance" for my subject, then Elder Larsen spoke upon the privilege of membership in the Kingdom of God.

There was very good order during the entire meeting; not a defamatory remark was made, although we told them at the beginning that we were "Mormons" from Utah. The police authorities opened the windows of their building and listened to all we said.

I closed the meeting with prayer. We then told the people where we held our regular meetings and thanked them for their kind attention. After we had dismissed the meeting, our crowd did not want to leave, which made us very happy. We had to say "Good-evening," and then went home.

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## A SUCCESSFUL CONTEST

ELDER G. DWIGHT WAKEFIELD

A SPLENDID contest between the Birmingham and Nottingham Districts was held in the Handsworth Chapel, on Saturday, June 20th, in public speaking, mixed quartettes, solos (male, female and organ), debating, poem, and dramatics. Interest and enthusiasm characterized the renditions.

The question for debate, which was well prepared and aroused much interest, was, "Resolved: That Women Should Enter the Professions." The dramas were also rendered with gripping interest, demonstrating dramatic talent from both Districts.

After the rendition of the competitive items, community singing was enjoyed by all. The Birmingham District Relief Society sisters sold refreshments during a thirty-minute intermission.

At the close of the evening, the decisions of the judges were announced—Birmingham District had won the honours by a slight margin, gaining fifty-five points out of a possible hundred, one competitive item deciding the winners from the losers.

President Hormau, of the Nottingham District, and President Chatwin, of the Birmingham District, each made a few remarks at the close of the contests, wherein they expressed their gratitude for the opportunity of gathering in the capacity of an inter-district meet.

During the contest, more than thirty people demonstrated their talents. One hundred and fifty-three people were in attendance, of whom about forty were members of the Nottingham District.

A spirit of brotherhood was felt throughout the evening, and the bonds of friendship between the Saints of the two Districts were strengthened.

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## ETERNAL SKYSCRAPERS

ELDER ELMO H. LUND, LEEDS DISTRICT

A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, in describing the towering skyscrapers of New York City and giving the facts and statistics of cost, material and height, stated that the average life of these massive, super-structures is sixty years. This is due to the fact that the materials of which they are constructed are subject to the deteriorating effects of the elements, or because the foundation upon which they are built is not as solid as it should be.

How much similarity there is between these earthly skyscrapers and the spiritual skyscrapers of which we are all architects.

First, in the construction of a building, the architect must have his blue-prints—the plans. We also must have a blue-print, which we find in the Scriptures, the revealed word of God. It is by following these scriptural blue-prints that we may erect an eternal spiritual building, one that will withstand the destructive effects of evil and sin.

Second, we must choose a firm foundation upon which to build. We must not be foolish and build upon the sand, but must select one of rock. Then we must build only of the strongest materials, and should keep in mind, always, that our every thought and action is another stone in our spiritual building.

By all means, let us not make our eternal skyscraper beautiful only where it can be seen by men; but let us rather make it com-

plete in detail, even to the loftiest spires. In certain ancient architecture, we find that near the ground where all could see it the plainest, the building was finished in most elegant style, but up on the spires, which were nearest to God, the work was left undone and ugly.

Let us build upon the firm rock of revelation, with precious materials—not with perishable things like hay or stubble, because the fire that purifies the precious, consumes the other.

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## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Releases and Departures:** The following missionaries have been released from their labours in the British Mission and have departed for their homes in America: Earl B. Cragum—Liverpool and President of Newcastle District, released on June 7th, sailed from Cherbourg on July 14th, aboard the *Leviathan*; Ivan E. Lauper—Birmingham and London Districts, Russell E. Peterson—Bristol and London Districts, L. Burdette Pugmire—Liverpool, Manchester and London Districts, released on June 18th, and Kenneth C. Chatwin—Norwich and President of Birmingham District, Bernard P. Brockbank—Bristol and President of Leeds District, Allan M. Acomb—Sheffield and London Districts, and Arlow W. Nalder—Ulster and Newcastle Districts, released on July 4th, all sailed from Cherbourg on July 16th, aboard the *George Washington*.

**Doings in the Districts:** *Birmingham*—At a baptismal service held on July 3rd at the Kidderminster Branch, one person was baptized by local Elder Robert L. Dunn, and confirmed the same day by President Kenneth C. Chatwin.

Due to interest shown by the children in the vicinity of the Kidderminster Branch, a Primary Association was there organized on July 7th, with Sister Edith R. Allan as President, Charles A. McGilvray and Sister Hazel Dunn as first and second counselors, and Sister Thurza Wall as secretary.

The Bee-Hive girls of the Handsworth Branch, under the direction of Sister Gwendolyn Lund, received their diplomas on Sunday, July 19th, for the completion of their work done in the Bee-Hive. The diplomas, the first awarded in the British Mission, were presented the girls by Sister Josephine B. Lund. An enjoyable program was presented by the Bee-Hive girls.

A Bee-Hive social was given under the auspices of the graduating Bee-Hive girls in the Handsworth Branch on Monday, July 20th. The hall was decorated in Bee-Hive colours. Games were played and light refreshments served. Mission President and Sister A. William Lund were in attendance.

*Leeds*—At a baptismal service held in the Shipley Baths, seven persons were baptized by Elders Noel T. Stoddard, Elwood A. Gee, David Taylor and Dan L. Frodsham. They were confirmed the same day by President Bernard P. Brockbank, traveling Elders Fay E. Bates, Joseph D. McAllister, Elmo H. Lund, and local Elders D. C. A. Kimberley, Frank Holroyd and George Smith. During the past five months, thirty souls

have been baptized and entered on the records of the Leeds District, twenty-four of whom have been converts.

*Liverpool*—Eight persons were baptized by Elders A. Edward Anderson, Jr., and William D. Callister, at a baptismal service held at Durham House, Liverpool, on Wednesday, July 8th. They were confirmed members of the Church the same day by President Gordon B. Taylor, and traveling Elders Clifford L. Ashton, Arnold D. White, William D. Callister, A. Edward Anderson, Jr., and local Elders Abraham Sealby, Joseph Challenor and Edmond S. Tope, Sr.

*Norwich*—At a baptismal service held in Lowestoft on Sunday, July 19th, three persons were baptized by local Elders Sidney W. Coleby and Henry William Daniels. They were confirmed the same day by Elder William Chaston and local Elder Charles M. Coleby.

At a baptismal service held in the Norwich Chapel on June 27th, one person was baptized by Elder William Chaston, and confirmed the following day by President Irving T. Duffin.

The annual outing of the Lowestoft Branch Sunday School was held on Thursday, July 2nd. Two large buses conveyed about sixty members and friends a few miles into the country where various kinds of sports and contests were engaged in throughout the day. A prize was given to each Sunday School child. Strawberries were served at the close of the day's activities.

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### DEATHS

**CAPPS**—Sister Hannah Capps, a member of the Norwich Branch, Norwich District, passed away at her home at Blofield on May 29th, at the age of eighty-seven years. Funeral services were held on June 1st. Sister Capps had a strong testimony of the Gospel to the end.

**DITTY**—Sister Sarah Elizabeth Ditty, a faithful worker in the Belfast Branch, Ulster District, passed away on July 9th, aged sixty-nine years. Funeral services were held at the home of her son under the direction of Elder Royal H. Jensen, who also dedicated the grave.

**SCHOLES**—Sister Nancy Scholes, seventy-nine years of age, a faithful member of the Blackburn Branch, Liverpool District, passed away on July 1st. Funeral rites were conducted at the home of the deceased under the direction of President Gordon B. Taylor. President Taylor dedicated the grave.

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